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For: RECORDING MATERIAL MANAGEMENT
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Examiner: T. L. Pham

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit that the statment of reasons for allowance indicates that claims 1, 8 and 12 are being allowed because of features that are recited in claims 1, 8 and 12, and sets forth a number of those features. However, Applicants note that claims 8 and 12 do not recite all of the features that are said to serve as a basis for allowing claims 8 and 12.

The reasons for allowance indicates that claims 1, 8 and 12 all recite "automatically, in response to receiving a confirmation signal which confirms that the operator has completed the requested action, assumes that the installed recording sheets are of the required type and stores information specifying the required type of recording sheet in a location of the memory associated with the eligible tray . . ."

While claim 1 recites the quoted language, and claims 8 and 12 recite some of the quoted language, claims 8 and 12 do not recite all of the quoted language.

In this regard, claim 8 recites, "automatically, in response to a signal generated by the operator specifying said specific tray, assumes that the installed recording sheets are of the required type and stores information specifying the required type of recording sheet in a location of the memory associated with said specific eligible tray."

Further, in this regard, claim 12 recites, "automatically, upon an operator command for the purpose from the user interface, stores information specifying the indicated type of recording sheet in a location of the memory associated with the specific tray."

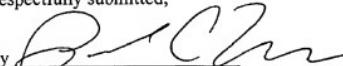
Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of features recited in claims 8 and 12, including the above-quoted language of claims 8 and 12, patentably defines over the applied art.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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